

SALES AVERAGE TWENTY A DAY
Realty Transactions for the Week Pass the Hundred Mark.
LOAN MARKET DECLINES

Walker-Hughes and Crandall Theater Properties Feature Transactions of the Week.

With a daily average of twenty sales, local realty brokers yesterday closed the first active week of the new year. Among the 120 transactions of the week was a deal involving more than \$100,000, two at \$20,000 and a number around the \$25,000 mark.

Wednesday led the week with twenty-nine transactions. Friday was second with twenty-seven. Thursday witnessed twenty-two, Tuesday nineteen, Monday fourteen and yesterday nine.

The outlying suburbs suffered a slump, dropping into third place, being surpassed by both the near-urban districts and the northwest section of the city proper. The race was close, however, the three leaders being separated by a sale each. The near-urban districts figured in fifty transfers, the northwest forty-nine and outlying suburbs forty-eight.

Feature of the Week.

The feature of the week was the sale of the former Walker-Hughes market property, 1123 and 1130 Connecticut avenue northwest, to Isaac T. Mann, of Barnwell, W. Va. Sylvester W. Labaree, former owner, took a trust for \$40,000 on the property, payable in three years. The stamps attached to the deed indicate a cash payment of \$65,000.

The Arlington Mills property, at Potomac and Water streets northwest, changed owners during the week for \$20,000. The property was acquired by Howard L. Wilkins and Samuel H. Rogers, present tenants, from trustees representing four financial institutions, creditors of the George W. Olcott Company, which occupied the building for years.

Theater Property Sold.

Crandall's Theater Ninth and E streets northwest, was sold during the week by Mrs. Ellen Harrison and Philip Walker to a local investor, whose name is withheld. The theater, formerly a part of the Riley estate, brought \$125,000. The property was taken subject to a trust of \$25,000.

For a figure said to have been in the neighborhood of \$100,000, Dr. Henry Hassen sold the annex to the Occidental Hotel, 1413 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. The purchaser's name is withheld. "Gus" Bucholtz, proprietor of the hotel, has a long lease on the annex.

The Wilson apartments, 412 First street southeast, were bought on Wednesday by Randolph T. Warwick from Bates Warren, trustee of the bankrupt estate of John H. Nolan. The stamps indicate the price to have been \$28,000. The Bloomingdale apartments, 34 New York avenue northwest, were purchased by Frank R. Davis from Benjamin E. Talbot, trustee. The stamps indicate a consideration of \$21,500.

The home of Mrs. George L. Gillespie, 1533 New Hampshire avenue northwest, was sold by the estate of her late husband for the sum of \$20,000. The price indicated by the stamps at \$20,000.

In contrast to the increase in realty trading, the loan market declined \$50,000 from the figure of the previous week. The exact amount loaned during the week ended yesterday was \$296,233.35. This sum was borrowed on the security of 14 lots at an average interest rate of 5.3 per cent. Of the total amount \$27,460.73 was in straight loans.

Y. W. C. A. INAUGURATES MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Will Make Effort to Increase Membership to at Least Five Thousand.

The Young Women's Christian Association has started a spirited membership campaign, which will continue until February 14. Mrs. Woodbury Pulsifer, chairman of the membership committee, is at the head of the crusade. The present membership is 3,800. It is believed this number will be increased to about 5,000 by the end of the campaign.

Miss Miriam Barstow, membership secretary, has general supervision of the campaign. Two kinds of buttons are being distributed to workers in the crusade. Persons seeking new members have been given buttons reading, "Get One." Workers who already have succeeded in signing up a new member are given a button reading, "I've Got One."

Two committees held sessions at the Y. W. C. A. on Friday afternoon. John D. Bird, chairman, presided at a meeting of the gymnasium committee, and Mrs. Fred E. Wright, chairman, presided at a meeting of the girls' work committee.

A new class in English was organized on Wednesday night. It is designed for the training of industrial girls who are members of the girls' clubs. Twelve girls already have registered.

Purely Personal

Mrs. Joseph B. Tumulty, wife of the Secretary to the President, was operated yesterday at Columbia Hospital. It was announced last night that the operation was successful and that Mrs. Tumulty's condition was improved.

Miss Elizabeth Reeside, of New York, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Reeside.

John W. Oehmann has been promoted from a clerk to assistant inspector of buildings for the District at an increase in salary from \$1,000 to \$1,200.

Miss Ada M. Saunders, who was visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Irmie, of Chevy Chase, Md., has returned to her home.

K. P. Wright, a clerk in the disbursing office at the District Building, has been promoted from \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year.

Miss Virginia Whaley, of Norfolk, is stopping with relatives in the city.

Mrs. Fred G. Schifferbecker, of Albany, N. Y., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Beach, of 1626 Swann street northwest.

Harry Maulding, an assistant repair man in the electrical department of the District government, has been made an inspector.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Jencks, Miss Miriam Donaldson, and G. T. O'Holliday, of Baltimore, were in Washington to attend the meetings of the Security League.

Miss Margaret Weaver, of New Orleans, and Miss Adelaide M. Johnson, of Hickory, N. C., are the guests of Miss Veryl E. Watson, of Longfellow street northwest.

William H. Jordan, a telephone operator in the District Building, will succeed Harry Maulding as assistant repair man in the electrical department.

Miss Juliet Campbell, of Wheeling, W. Va., who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. T. M. Baker, of 212 B street northwest, has returned to her home.

Walter C. Rathbone, of the District auditor's office, was one of the eighty-three admitted to the bar last week.

Miss Esther Denny, of Washington, daughter of the late Col. F. L. Denny, who attended the navy dance in Newport, R. I., Wednesday night, is the week-end guest of Mrs. Nelson P. Vulte, wife of Col. Vulte, of C. St. 1932 Shunk street, Providence, R. I.

Arthur Curtiss James, who has been visiting friends in this city, left for New York yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephan B. Lydanne, who were married in Baltimore early in January, after having worked together in the office of the collector of taxes for several years, are "at home" in the Shelby apartments, Columbia road near Fourteenth street.

Mrs. William H. Stinson and Mrs. Clinton Morgan, of this city, are visiting their sister, Mrs. William Knowles, of Providence.

Colby Dodge is registered at the Vanderbilt Hotel in New York for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. Rose Davis, of 1236 P street northwest, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. S. Kaplan, of St. Michaels, Md., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harry Levinson, of Steubenville, Ohio.

Hughes Oliphant left yesterday for Trenton, N. J., where he will remain for ten days.

Harry Goodrich, a clerk in the office of the collector of taxes, was on leave of absence several days last week.

Mrs. R. Livingston Beeckman, wife of the governor of Rhode Island, is in Washington and will be entertained today with her husband by Senator and Mrs. Lippitt, of Rhode Island.

John W. Faust, assistant secretary of the Associated Charities, who has been ill for several days, returned to his office yesterday.

T. Howard Brooks, newspaper reporter, is ill at his home.

Dr. Charles Niesstadt, an intern at Emergency Hospital, will leave shortly for Fall River, Mass., where he plans to establish a private medical practice.

Charles J. Columbus, secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association, practically has recovered from illness which incapacitated him for several days.

Miss Helen Waldsmith, of Cincinnati, is in Washington for an extended stay, during which she will study the business of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Henry D. Clark has been appointed an assistant engineer physicist in the Bureau of Standards.

C. F. D. Kattelmann has been elected a director of the Home Savings Bank, Seventh and K streets northwest.

Flight of Montenegrin Royalty Makes Nine Monarchs in Exile.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Jan. 23.—The flight of the Montenegrin royal family this week brings the number of sovereigns in exile, or held in duress through the war, up to nine.

King Albert and Queen Elisabeth are serving on the battle front in Flanders.

King Peter of Serbia is undergoing the rest cure in Greece.

King Nicholas is reorganizing the Montenegrin army at Scutari.

Queen Milena arrived at Lyons today.

Prince William of Wied, Albania's ruler, fled at the beginning of the war.

The Duchess of Luxembourg and the Shah of Persia are virtual prisoners in their own castles.

Khedive Abbas Hilmi of Egypt has been deposed and exiled by the British.

FOR UNPREPAREDNESS LODGE TELLS REASON

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of the appearance of the huge globes over the city of London; the air in its downward course; the crash as it lit upon a roof; the blinding glare of the terrific explosions, and then the moans of the mangled victims.

Former Secretaries of War Henry L. Stimson and Ethel Root urged the adoption of a plan that would place the United States in a position not of aggression, but a deterrent to any possible invasion by the enemy.

Eric Fisher Wood, secretary of the league, urged the adoption of a plan of obligatory service, such as the Swiss system.

At the morning session various speakers united in detailing to the people of the country, through the delegates to the Security League, the present unprepared condition of the United States to resist invasion, the possibility of United States being drawn into war immediately upon the cessation of hostilities in Europe, and urged plans that would place the country upon a standard war footing commensurate with its standing in the world.

William Barclay, of New York, engineer and constructor, advocated the creation of an engineer reserve corps similar to the Medical Reserve Corps.

Rear Admiral Colby M. Chester, U. S. N., retired, pleaded with the league to support the army and navy program of the President. He reminded the league that under the Constitution, the President alone is vested with authority to recommend to Congress naval and military improvements.

Will Speak for Preparedness.

Gen. E. W. Nichols, superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, declared 500,000 men would be a safe minimum for a regular army.

The consolidation of all the increased military preparedness organizations of the United States under one head and the sending through the United States of a great group of public speakers to urge preparedness, especially through the Western States, will result.

The Navy League of the United States, the Army League of the United States, the recently formed American Legion, the military and naval aeronautics branch of the Aero Club of America, the military defense branch of the Automobile Association of America, the Woman's section of the Movement for Preparedness, and many State and territorial organizations throughout the country will be among those included in the proposed consolidation. The various organizations, however, would not lose their identities under the consolidation, but would be branches of the national organization.

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VOID AFTER JAN. 29th

West, who are apathetic on the subject of preparedness, is the main purpose of the tour of the public speakers. Among the orators suggested are: Gen. Luke E. Wright, former Secretary of War; Cyrus Northrup, former president of the University of Minnesota; George Haven Putnam, of Boston; Eric Fisher Wood, engineer; Robert Bacon, former Secretary of State; Jacob N. Dickinson, former Secretary of War; and Mayor John Furrow Mitchell, of New York.

SCHOOL CHANGE PLAN RIDDLED TO PIECES

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Mr. Blair then referred ironically to the bill which the Commissioners had Representative Johnson introduce in the House after it had been found that the proposed legislation could not be slipped through as a rider to the appropriation bill. The bill provided for the transfer of "all authority, powers, and discretion" now vested in the Board of Education to the Board of Commissioners.

Attacks Newman.

"Gentlemen," said Mr. Blair, "I am willing to give up almost anything, but I will not give up my discretion. If I should do this I would be unable to get a single client into my office."

Mr. Blair then attacked the statement of Commissioner Newman that the proposed legislation was recommended after a two-and-a-half year survey of the school system. He stated the dates of appointment of the three members of the present Board of Commissioners in order to show that they have not been in office long enough to have made such a survey.

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Mrs. Mohr Probably Will Try to Show She Is Conspiracy Victim

Defense Likely to Be That Accusations Are the Result of a Plot in Which Colored Witnesses Are Tools, Not Originators—Prosecution Rests Tomorrow.

By SOPHIE TREADWELL.

Providence, Jan. 22.—Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr will take the stand next week in her own defense. What is she going to say?

This is a question that is interesting every one who has followed her case. Mrs. Mohr on trial accused of hiring two colored boys to murder her husband. In the two weeks she has been before the court it has seemed that the prosecution has built up an almost airtight case against her.

Mrs. Mohr has listened to the damaging testimony with almost perfect calmness. She has the air of a woman who is quite sure of herself. Only twice has she shown any emotion and only once could this emotion be interpreted as anything like fear. That was when George W. Rogers, brother-in-law of Mrs. Mohr's rival for the affections of her husband, told in detail the threats Mrs. Mohr had made against Emily Burger's life.

The defense lawyers hint rather strongly that their main line of defense will be to prove that the whole fabric of accusation against their client is the result of a conspiracy of which the colored boys are not the originators, but the tools.

Following this line, it is thought they will not attempt to disprove the almost overwhelming testimony of the State's witnesses that Mrs. Mohr threatened the life of her husband and Emily Burger, but will try to show that these threats were merely the idle talk of a hysterical and helpless woman.

The prosecution will probably rest its case Monday. Just which wing of the defense will then begin is not yet decided. This case is virtually two trials. There are the colored boys, Brown and Spelman, the trial for murder, with George Edwards and William H. Lewis to defend their interests, and then there is the central figure, Mrs. Mohr, accused of complicity, and her two lawyers, Arthur Cushing and John J. Fitzgerald.

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"GIVE ME LOWER ALIMONY OR PRISON"

New York, Jan. 22.—"Give me lower alimony, or give me a cell in Ludlow street jail."

This is the demand Nat M. Willis, comedian, has hurled at his former wife, La Belle Titcomb, of the stage. She is now in South America, and he is performing at the Hippodrome for \$600 a week. He received \$500 a week until a short time ago.

On account of the reduction in his salary, Willis wants the Supreme Court to reduce the \$500 a month he is under obligation to pay Heloise A. Willis.

At the time she divorced him, Mrs. Willis obtained an order for \$500 a week allowance, but this was subsequently reduced.

"I owed \$7,000 at the close of the 1914 season," Willis told Justice Guy in pleading for a reduction.

"Although I don't intend to disobey the court orders, it will be impossible for me to pay \$500 a month, and the inevitable will be jail."

Official returns from Smith Township, Ohio, show Mrs. John Graber, an ardent suffragist, has been elected constable, an office for which she was not a candidate. She did not even know she was being voted for. Men of the township as a joke wrote her name on their ballots. So many were let in on the prank that Mrs. Graber won.

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\$46.00 Golden Oak	\$36.75
\$48.00 Golden Oak	\$38.50
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\$52.00 Mahogany	\$41.75
\$64.00 Mahogany	\$51.25

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\$5.00 Mahogany	\$4.00
\$9.50 Mahogany	\$7.65
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\$27.00 Mahogany	\$21.50

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